

# Casterton opens his charts and thinks of Australia

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Casterton (Fastnet Rock) won his first victory, for his first attempt on 2,500m, this Sunday in Deauville, in the Prix des Marronniers (Maiden). The colt remained in three places, over distances ranging from 1,800 to 2,000m. He galloped back into a squad led by Vis-à-Vis (Dansili) and Love Love (Le Havre). He then progressed in around the field coming into the straight. Pierre-Charles Boudot simply asked for an effort and he went to the line under hands and heels. Mont Doré (Kendargent) is second, with a little less than a head start on Love Love

A stayer in the making. Casterton was bred by Coolmore. He also runs for OTI Management in association with Susan Magnier. Hubie de Burgh, representative of this Australian union in Europe, explained: "It promises to be a very good stayer. One day, he will be forced to pursue his career in Australia. But only when André Fabre advises us to do it. He therefore has at least an extra year to run in France. The foal is only 3 years old and the European program offers many opportunities over long distances. Casterton is still involved in the Qipco Prix du Jockey Club and in the Juddmonte Grand Prix de Paris (Grs1).

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A union very well established in Europe. Like many Australian unions, OTI Management aims at the Melbourne Cup and buys regularly in Europe. In particular, Gailo Chop (Deportivo) and Gray Lion K (Galileo) compete in these colors.

Hubie de Burgh said: "OTI Management has about 25 horses training in Europe, mainly in France and England. The goal is to shape them here, before going to Australia if they reveal a profile consistent with the Australian program. The union is a great success in France and it is a country in which we like to run. The program is well built, with interesting allocations. We have acquired many Fastnet Rock products from Coolmore. This horse was a champion in Australia. Its products are easier to buy in Europe, because in Australia they are highly sought after. Among the ten Fastnet Rock acquired yearling in 2015, there was Casterton, but also Fastnet Tempest who won well on Saturday at Ascot. This strategy therefore brings us a lot of satisfaction. Terry Henderson, the director of OTI Management, wants to take his time and let the foals come up. We see further that the year of 3yo.

Smuggler's Cove's own brother. Casterton was raised in Ireland. His mother won a race before producing three winners, including Smuggler's Cove (Fastnet Rock), Listed winner in Dundalk and third in Dewhurst Stakes (Gr1). She was also the sister of High Chaparral (Sadler's Wells), winner of ten races including the Epsom Derby and the Irish Derby, as well as the Champion Stakes, the Racing Post Trophy and twice the Breeders' Cup Turf (Grs1). Kozana (Kris), the third mother, won the Prix de Malleret (Gr2) and was second in the Prix du Moulin (Gr1).



**1er CASTERTON (58) M3**

(Fastnet Rock & Chenchikova)  
Pr/Oti Management Pty Ltd - El/Chenchikova Syndicate  
Ent/A. Fabre - J/P.-C. Boudot

**2e MONT DORE (58) H3**

(Kendargent & Irish Vintage)  
Pr/B. Van Dalfsen - El/M. Berend Van Dalfsen  
Ent/F. Chappet - J/C. Soumillon

**3e LOVE LOVE (58) M3**

(Le Havre & Pennylove)  
Pr/Ecurie Louis D'Aur - El/M. Gonzague Bajot  
Ent/F.-H. Graffard - J/G. Mossé

